# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF PORTERS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of porters working at various railway stations in the country;

(b) the facilities being provided to them by the Railways;

(c) whether any proposal to treat these porters as railway employees is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The number of licensed porters working at various railway stations in the country is approximately 36, 000.

(b): They are provided with uniform, outdoor medical facilities in Railway hospitals, admission to their children in Railway schools, pass & privilege ticket order (PTO) and rest shelters at important stations.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.